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Airfield Construction

an airfield being constructed east of Kusong (125-15, 39-59) (XE-9228) was near completion. Work on the field had begun The single runway was 2,500 meters long, 90 meters wide, and had a concrete surface. Approximately 3,000 Chinese Communist soldiers and 3,000 civilians were working on the field.

North Korean Air Force Training and Recruiting

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approximately 100 North Korean pilots arrived at a Sariwon airfield. The pilots were the first graduates of the 10 Airman Training Center in Manchuria, which trained both Chinese Communist and North Korean personnel. there would be one 50X1-HUM aircraft for every three pilots at the field. there were two fighter type aircraft at the field which were being flown only at night by North Korean pilots.

3. The North Korean air force was not bound by normal North Korean

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conscription regulations. It was permitted to offer some inducements to prospective inductees. For example, a service man in Manchuria who had a family depending on him for support might be offered two and one-half acres of land in Manchuria and an allowance covering the travel expenses of his family from North Korea to Manchuria.

4. [] an office of North Korean air force headquarters occupied five storage shelters on the southern side of a mountain 1.5 kilometers northeast of the Kobang-san mine (125-52, 39-03) (YD-4826) and east of Nungna-do (125-47, 39-03) (YD-4126). Some of the storage shelters were used for the storage of plane accessories. The headquarters office of the North Korean air force 4 Battalion, 2 Regiment, was in the vicinity of Sadong-ni (125-49, 39-01) (YD-4422). Other North Korean air force officers occupied 10 grass roofed houses and 5 tile roofed houses in vegetable fields three kilometers southwest of Sadong-ni.

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1. [] Comment. It is not known which airfield of the Sariwon complex is meant.

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